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In re Application of:

MAKOTO SHIOYA

Application No.: 10/714,640

Filed: November 18, 2003

For: RECORDING METHOD AND  
RECORDING APPARATUS  
CAPABLE OF REDUCING  
STREAKS AND UNEVENNESS IN  
IMAGE DENSITY

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May 24, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

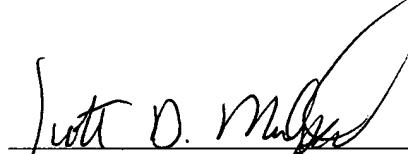
The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the Description of the Related Art section of the specification. For the Examiner's additional information, U.S. Patent No. 4,999,640 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 3-231861.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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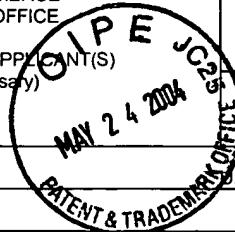
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		3-231861	10/1991	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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